Halt of Vaigai Express at Tambaram

3647. SHRI B. RAJA RAVI VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide halt of Vaigai Express at Tambaram; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Inventory Control in ITDC

3648. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI LOKANATH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC Management set up a 'credit control cell' at its Corporate Office and also simultaneously created an 'Inventory Cell'; and

(b) if so, the achievements, if any, of the two cells and their effect on the efficient management of working capital of ITDC, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The Credit & Collection Cell was set up at the Corporate Office in July 81 to assist units in realisation of outstandings. As the basic records being available only at the unit level it was decided in Feb. 85 to attach the staff with the respective units. The monitoring of outstanding, credit control and issue of credit cards however, continues to be handled at the Corporate Level.

The Inventory Cell at the Corporate Office started functioning in March 79. The guidelines introducing scientific methods of inventory management in ITDC hotels, monitoring of inventories etc. were issued to all hotel units. The day to day inventory management functions are performed by the units themselves. The Material Management & Development Division at the Corporate Office assist units in having proper inventory control; arranging inter-unit transfer of stores, identification and disposal of obsolete and surplus items; and awarding central rate contracts for bulk purchase items including fresh supplies for Delhi based hotel/catering establishments.

[*Translation*]

Rail Link Chhota Nagpur-Santhal Pargana Districts

3649. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link District headquarters of Chhota Nagpur-Santhal Pargana area of Bihar railway lines; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Railway Wagons to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

3650. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry have not provided adequate number of wagons to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons; and

(c) the step proposed to be taken to provide adequate number of wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The railways are meeting the demand of wagons for moving coal to the thermal power stations of Andhra Pradesh in full not only from Singareni Coal Fields to which they are linked but also supplementing the supplies from Western Coal Fields Ltd. and Talcher Coal Fields which are not the rational sources.

12.00 hrs.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Before anything starts, yesterday Mr. Advani had raised an issue.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am asking the Foreign Minister to make a statement about the situation in USSR. Please take your seats.